



**Media Statement – Update on Montfort Long Term Care Home – Ottawa
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Ottawa Public Health has confirmed that two staff members of Montfort Long Term Care Home in Ottawa have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on February 5. Both cases have resolved.

We are working closely with Ottawa Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Montfort, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the 1st floor are to remain in their rooms at all times. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance as required. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

All residents, who provided consent and were able to be vaccinated, have received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate their patience and understanding as we put these precautions in place for the safety of our residents. Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our long term care homes and retirement residences.

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